

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 4, third paragraph:

The ~~activation~~ actuation means is attached to the proximal end of the shaft and to the proximal end of the rod. In the preferred embodiment, the ~~activation~~ actuation means includes a housing attached to the proximal end of the shaft. The housing defines a cylindrical cavity which is aligned with, and opens axially into, the lumen of the shaft. A trigger is pivotally attached to the housing and extends into the cylindrical cavity. A piston-~~like element~~ is attached to the proximal end of the rod and located in reciprocally sliding relation within the housing's cylindrical cavity. A spring biases the piston proximally so that the rod will normally assume its aforementioned proximalmost position. The piston may be moved distally against the force of the spring by the trigger, so that the rod will assume its aforementioned distalmost position.